

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN – PARAMEDIC (EMT-P)

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**Legal Authority** Code of Iowa 147A

**Job Description** An EMT-Paramedic has received training in all of the advanced emergency medical care skills including cardiac evaluation and treatment, medication effects and treatment, and advanced airway management techniques. The Paramedic Specialist, having greater knowledge of anatomy and pathophysiology, is the highest EMT certification obtainable. Paid positions are available in the state of Iowa.

**Education & Experience Required** Applicants must have a high school diploma or its equivalent; have a current certification as an EMT-I or EMT-B; complete a minimum of 280 classroom hours (600 for specialists); complete clinical hours, and ambulance field experience as necessary to meet patient contact requirements; and, successfully complete a state written and practical exam.

**Continuing Education** Forty-eight hours of continuing education are required biennially for certification renewal as well as having a current course completion card in CPR. The requirement for specialists is 60 hours.

**Examination** Applicants must pass a written and practical examination administered by the state.

**Fees** Application: \$20  
Duration: Two years  
Renewal: \$10  
Exam: \$45 – Paramedic - National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians  
\$50 – Paramedic Specialist - National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians  
\$10 – Iowa Department of Public Health

**SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage** 29-2041 - Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics (\$10.19)

**Number of Licenses Issued**    Total number of licenses active as of December 31,  
2001:    652 – Paramedic  
          1,153 – Paramedic Specialists